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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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US Department of Labor's OSHA cites First Choice Energy after oil field worker killed at Stanley, ND, job site. First Choice Energy of Minot was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration with 9 serious safety violations and a proposed penalty of \$33,000 after a worker was killed March 14 after being caught in the agitator of an oil field vacuum truck storage tank. Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23964

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Shakopee Energy Plant explosion damaged two silos, cause still unknown. Koda Energy, a joint venture with Rahr Malting Company, plant explosion forced a 1-mile evacuation of residents and visitors in Shakopee April 25, and caused the indefinite closure of the plant. Inspectors are investigating the fire that damaged 2 biomass fuel silos and their conveyor system, as well as the truck unloading facility. Source:

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2013/04/25/grain-elevator-explosion-fire-reported-in-shakopee/>

(Minnesota) Three MN cases added to Salmonella outbreak from live poultry. Three individuals in Minnesota have reportedly fallen ill with Salmonella Infantis after purchasing ducklings from the Tractor Supply Co. in Inver Grove Heights, in connection to a multistate outbreak involving live poultry. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/three-mn-cases-added-to-salmonellaoutbreak-from-live-poultry/#.UXe9RbWkr44>

(South Dakota) Salmonella outbreak linked to baby chicks reported in South Dakota. Health officials in South Dakota reported an outbreak of salmonella, linked to baby chicks, that has infected at least four individuals to date. Source: <http://news.sd.gov/newsitem.aspx?id=14417>

(Wyoming) Natural gas site near Evanston explodes. A natural gas storage facility near Evanston reported an explosion and fire April 20. The facility was safely evacuated and firefighters responded, choosing to let the isolated facility burn to avoid further risks. Source: <http://www.standard.net/stories/2013/04/21/natural-gas-site-near-evanston-explodes>

NATIONAL

(Boston) Authorities say bomb suspects planned NYC attack. The captured Boston Marathon bombing suspect indicated failed plans to attack sites in New York City with a pressure-cooker explosive and five pipe bombs before realizing the vehicle that he and the other suspect hijacked was low on fuel. Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/authorities-bomb-suspects-planned-nyc-attack-064445645.html>

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(Boston) Marathon suspect faces weapon of mass destruction charges. The surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect was accused of using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction resulting in deaths after being captured and hospitalized from injuries sustained during a gunfight and a 4 day manhunt. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-04-22/boston-marathon-bomb-suspect-charged-by-u-dot-s-dot-in-terror-attack>

Cautious relief in Midwest as river levels fall. Homeowners, business owners, and city officials began assessing the damage to their respective properties as flooding in the Midwest began to recede in some areas, while others continued preparations for rising waters elsewhere. Authorities remained concerned about inundated earthen levees and sandbag walls. Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/cautious-relief-peoria-water-levels-fall-19031508#.UXli4bXvtKA>

Midwestern rivers reach dangerously high levels; communities evacuated due to rising waters. Torrential rains the week of April 15, which dumped up to 7 inches of rain in some locations, affected six Midwestern States with high water levels, forced evacuations, closed roads and bridges, swamped hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland, closed a manufacturing plant, and shut down barge traffic on much of the upper Mississippi River. Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/u-s-world/midwestern-rivers-reach-dangerously-high-levels-communities-evacuated-due-to-rising-waters-04212013>

INTERNATIONAL

Nothing Significant to Report

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

A fake AP tweet sinks the Dow for an instant. A fake tweet sent from a hacked Associated Press Twitter account caused the Dow Jones Industrial to drop more than 100 points during a 2 minute period before recovering quickly to previous levels. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-04-23/a-fake-ap-tweet-sinks-thedow-for-an-instant>

Cyber-attack briefly shuts Charles Schwab website. A distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against Charles Schwab Corp shut down the company's Web site and mobile applications for around 2 hours April 23. Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-04-23/business/sns-rt-us-schwabwebsitebre93m1dv-20130423_1_website-denial-of-service-attack

World's largest bitcoin exchange under DDoS attack. Mt. Gox, the largest exchange service for virtual currency Bitcoin, was downed by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack April 22, the latest in a series of recent DDoS attacks against the site. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14787>

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CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

(Tennessee) Search still on for gunman after shootout near Watts Bar plant. Authorities continued to search April 22 for a suspect who exchanged gunfire with a security officer at the perimeter of the Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant near Spring City the night of April 21. Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2013/apr/22/search-still-on-for-gunman-after-shootout-near/>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Refer to *National*, items #1 and 2 for related information.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Honda recalls 204,000 SUVs, minivans in U.S. for shift interlock problem. Honda announced the recall of 204,500 model year 2012 and 2013 CR-V and Odyssey and 2013 Acura MDX vehicles due to the potential for the vehicles to shift out of park without the driver pressing the brake pedal. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/cars/honda-recalls-204000-suvs-minivans-inus-for-shift-interlock-problem/2013/04/23/58c70152-ac2e-11e2-94932ff3bf26c4b4_story.html

Nissan recalling 2013 Pathfinder and Infiniti JX for brake frame defect. Nissan announced the recall of 19,258 model year 2013 Nissan Pathfinder and Infiniti JX vehicles due to an improperly cast front brake torque member that could crack or fail. Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/nissan-recalling-2013-pathfinder-and-infiniti-jx-for-brake-frame-defect>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Multistate Salmonella outbreak linked to imported cucumbers. Around 73 people in 18 States have fallen ill and 14 have been hospitalized with Salmonella Saintpaul infections believed to be connected to imported cucumbers. Daniel Cardenas Izabal and Miracle Greenhouse of Culiacan, Mexico were placed on import alert April 24 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/multistate-salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-imported-cucumbers/#.UXpmyrWkr44>

CSPI report lists chicken, ground beef as “riskiest” meats. According to a new report released by the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington, D.C., chicken and ground beef are ranked highest as far as risk based on their outbreak reports and the likelihood of hospitalizations associated with the pathogens most commonly reported in those foods over the past 12 years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection responded by reemphasizing the efforts aimed at tackling such pathogens. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/cspi-report-lists-chicken-groundbeef-as-riskiest-meats/#.UXe_SbWkr44

Disturbingly high amount of antibiotic-resistant bacteria found in supermarket meat. The National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) released a report revealing a high presence of antibiotic resistant bacteria, often called superbugs, in supermarket meats in the U.S. Source: <http://www.inquisitr.com/629730/disturbingly-high-amount-of-antibiotic-resistant-bacteria-found-in-supermarket-meat/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Nothing Significant to Report

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Researcher’s serial port scans find more than 100,000 hackable devices, including traffic lights and fuel pumps. A researcher from Rapid7 presented findings to the Infosec Southwest conference detailing how attackers could compromise various older devices that utilize serial ports connected to networking equipment. He found that devices set up in this manner had poor security and control varied operations including heating and cooling systems, point-of-sale (PoS) devices, and fuel pumps, among others. Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/andygreenberg/2013/04/23/researchers-serial-port-scans-find-more-than-100000-hackable-devices-including-traffic-lights-and-fuel-pumps/>

Number of DDOS attacks increased by 200% in 2012, study shows. Akamai’s fourth quarter 2012 State of the Internet report found that distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack increased by 200% compared to 2011, and detailed other DDoS findings. Source:

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<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Number-of-DDOS-Attacks-Increased-by-200-in-2012-Study-Shows-348170.shtml>

Vernot trojan avoids detection using blogging platform for C&C communications. Researchers at Trend Micro found a new variant of the Vernot trojan, BKDR_VERNOT.B, which utilizes a blogging platform to disguise its command and control (C&C) traffic. Source:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Vernot-Trojan-Avoids-Detection-by-Using-Blogging-Platform-for-C-C-Communications-348123.shtml>

Report: DDoS attacks getting bigger, faster than ever. Arbor Networks' first quarter ATLAS report found that the average speed of distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks grew to about 1.77 Gbps, and that large attacks exceeding 10 Gbps are increasing. Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/perimeter/report-ddos-attacks-getting-biggerfaste/240153399>

Cyber-attacks growing more sophisticated, targeting IT firms. A report by FireEye found several trends in cyber-attacks, including the heavy use of command and control hubs, technology organizations being among the most common targets, and that most advanced persistent threat (APT) attacks are in some way associated with Chinese groups. Source:

<http://www.eweek.com/small-business/cyber-attacks-growing-moresophisticated-targeting-it-firms/>

Wireless hack attacks target critical infrastructure. Network control systems for critical infrastructure are vulnerable to Assurance. Proprietary wireless technologies in control devices may allow network access and networks will grow more vulnerable as more smart meters are installed. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14795>

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

Forest Service gets new wildfire tool in time for season. The U.S. Forest Service has installed an updated version of the Autonomous Modular Sensor (AMS) on a Cessna Citation Jet to help them detect wildfires and conduct post-burn assessments. The modified version has a host of new capabilities that will allow firefighters to request overnight flights and transmit data in real-time to crews on the ground in order to analyze and improve decision making. Source: <http://www.standard.net/stories/2013/04/24/forest-service-gets-new-wildfire-tool-time-season>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Nothing Significant to Report

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Oklahoma) 60 Oklahoma dental patients test positive for hepatitis, HIV. The Tulsa Health Department identified 60 patients with infections including variants of hepatitis and at least

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one with HIV among 3,122 former patients of two dental clinics in Tulsa and Owasso. More than 7,000 patients were alerted that they could have been exposed to diseases due to poor sterilization practices. Source: http://abcnews.go.com/Health/60-oklahoma-dental-patients-test-positive-hepatitis-hiv/story?id=18991527#.UXU_FbWkq0j

TRANSPORTATION

Nothing Significant to Report

WATER AND DAMS

(Michigan) Saginaw releases nearly 1.5 billion gallons of treated wastewater since rains began. The Saginaw Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent clarified concerns about untreated water release, stating the plant is within its limits after nearly 9 inches of rain since April 8 prompted the plant to release 1.46 billion gallons of treated wastewater. Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2013/04/saginaw_releases_nearly_1500_m.html

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295 (IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455; US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.**

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